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Further Information on UA 69/08 (ASA 33/010/2008, 12 March 2008) and follow-ups (ASA 33/012/2008, 19 March 2008; ASA 33/013/2008, 29 April 2008) - Imminent Execution

PAKISTAN Manjit/Sarabjit Singh (m)

The man known to the Pakistani authorities as Manjit Singh, who relatives claim is Sarabjit Singh, has had his execution stayed indefinitely. The announcement was made on 2 May by the superintendent of Lahore's Kot Lakhpat jail, Malik Mubashir Ahmad Khan, after he received an order from the Interior Ministry.

The man was arrested as Manjit Singh in 1990 on charges of having worked for Indian intelligence, but was convicted and sentenced in 1991 for alleged involvement with four bomb attacks in Lahore and Faisalabad that killed 14 people in 1990. An appeal to the Supreme Court of Pakistan to have his sentence overturned failed in 2006.

His family have claimed since his arrest that that he is not Manjit Singh, but Sarabjit Singh, an Indian farmer who accidentally strayed into Pakistani territory while working. He is held at Kot Lakhpat Prison in Lahore.

No further action is requested from the UA Network. Many thanks to all those who sent appeals.